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APPLICANTS: Takayuki Gomi et al. ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: P97,2608
SERIAL NO: 08/965,286 GROUP ART UNIT: 2811
FILED: November 6, 1997 EXAMINER: O. Nadav
INVENTION: BIPOLAR TRANSISTOR AND METHOD OF THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
S I R:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2000, Applicants herein amend the above-identified application and respond as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor device, comprising a first vertical type high speed NPN bipolar transistor and a second vertical type high voltage NPN bipolar transistor having a breakdown voltage which is higher than a breakdown voltage of said first vertical type high speed NPN bipolar transistor, the device including an epitaxial layer formed on a silicon substrate, wherein said first vertical type high speed NPN bipolar transistor has a first embedded diffusion layer formed in an upper part of said silicon substrate, said first embedded diffusion layer having a same conductive type as said epitaxial layer and having an impurity concentration higher than that of said epitaxial layer, said second vertical high voltage NPN bipolar transistor having a second embedded diffusion layer formed in an upper part of said silicon substrate, said second embedded diffusion layer having a same conductive type as said epitaxial layer and having an impurity concentration which is both less than the impurity concentration of said first embedded diffusion layer and at least as high as the impurity concentration of said epitaxial layer, said second embedded diffusion layer having a depth which is greater than a depth of said first embedded diffusion layer, wherein said second embedded diffusion layer is a terminal of said second vertical type high voltage NPN bipolar transistor.

R E M A R K S

In the Office Action dated March 17, 2000, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,379,726 to Kumamaru et al. or Japanese Patent 358014564 A to Aomura. Applicants submit that as a result of the above-noted amendments, the claims of the present invention are, in fact, patentable over the cited references.

Specifically, Applicants wish to point out that independent claim 1 of the present application has now been amended so as to include the limitations that (a) the impurity concentration of the second embedded diffusion layer is at least as high as the impurity concentration of the epitaxial layer, and (b) the second embedded diffusion layer has a depth which is greater than a depth of the first embedded diffusion layer.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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